

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Joseph CHAPPELL, et al. : Confirmation Number:
Serial No.: : Group Art Unit:
Filed: August 5, 2003 : Examiner:
For: METHODS FOR SPLICING PLANT GENES

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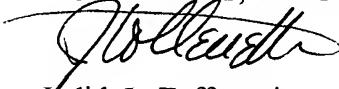
In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicants hereby claim the priority of:

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cited in the Declaration of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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